

SENATE No. 1490

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Amending Utility Rate Hearings.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| Jennifer L. Flanagan | Worcester and Middlesex |
| Stephen L. DiNatale | 3rd Worcester |
| James B. Eldridge | Middlesex and Worcester |
| Jennifer Benson | 37th Middlesex |
| Robert L. Rice, Jr. | 2nd Worcester |
| Jennifer M. Callahan | 18th Worcester |
| Susan C. Fargo | Third Middlesex |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01918 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT AMENDING UTILITY RATE HEARINGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 25, Section 4A of the General Laws is amended by striking out the
2 following:

3 “Upon request of the mayor of a city or the selectman of town, or of a member of the general
4 court or of twenty customers of the company affected, a public hearing ordered by the
5 department, to be held in connection with any change in rates or reduction in or discontinuance
6 of service, shall be held in the city or town or area wherein the company affected does business
7 or in which any decision of the commission would apply”

8 and inserting the following:

9 “A public hearing shall be held in connection with any change in rates or reduction in or
10 discontinuance of service. Said hearing shall be held in the service area affected by said
11 change.”